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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a four month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to June 15, 2004. Applicants have included a check in the amount of \$1,480.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 15, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, claims 1-3, 5-7, 19, and 20, of Invention I, directed to the adjustment of the laser diode or signal applied to the laser diode to reduce an error rate. Applicants therefore withdraw from prosecution in the above-identified application, claim 24, of Invention II, directed to adjustment of filter characteristics of a filter employed for reading user data to reduce an error

rate, and claim 26, of Invention III, directed to adjustment of inclination of a disk storage media to reduce error rate, but reserve herein the right to prosecute such claims in a later filed continuation or divisional application.

Applicants therefore await consideration and examination of elected claims 1-3, 5-7, 19, and 20, and respectfully request consideration on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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